Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Appointments of relatives are governed by S. O. No. 12. There are no instances to the point.

The amin of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court.

467. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

(a) Whether Mannattazhet Ammunni Menon, an amin of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court, was fined one rupee by the District Judge of Trichur for not properly accounting a sum of Rs. 3 in connection with an attachment in O. S. 686/99 of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court;

(b) Whether the Chief Court of Cochin, finding that the punishment was too lenient, sent back the file of the District Judge for enhancing the punishment; Who were the Judges who recommended this course;

(c) Whether, when on this recommendation the District Judge suspended the amin for three months, on appeal by the amin, the Chief Court kept the suspension order in abeyance and subsequently cancelled not only the suspension but even the fine, and whether he was reinstated without any punishment for this offence?

(d) Who were the Judges who took part in the deliberations of this matter on the last occasion?

(e) When was the appeal of the amin received in the Chief Court and when was it disposed of?

(f) When was the permanent Chief Justice absent on the last occasion to join duty after leave?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Chief Judge, Mr. P. I. Varugis, Puisne Judges, Messrs. P. Narayana Menon and T. M. Krishna Menon.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) Acting Chief Judge, Mr. P. Narayana Menon and acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Joseph Thaliath.

(e) The petition for keeping the suspension order in abeyance was received on 1—4—1101, and the appeal through the proper channel for re-consideration of the punishment orders was received on 6—4—1101. The appeal was disposed of on 29—4—1101.

(f) The permanent Chief Judge was on privilege leave from 1—4—1101 to 7—5—1101 (both days inclusive).

The term of office of the present Diwan.

468. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state when the term of office of the present Diwan is to expire?

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